

Appl. No. 09/724,845
Amdt. dated May 10, 2004
Amendment under 37 CFR 1.116 Expedited Procedure
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 11-22 are pending.

Claims 11-22 have been rejected under 35 USC §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The Examiner states that the specification is not enabled for the fibers for the first array being impregnated with more thermoplastic particles than the fibers of the second array. The examiner indicates that the specification is enabled for the fibers of the first array being impregnated with substantially more plastic (not particles) than the fibers of the second array. The Examiner relies on paragraphs 14 and 16 of the specification.

This rejection is respectfully traversed and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

It is respectfully submitted that within paragraph 14, lines 6-8, it is stated "the cords 3, which are woven in transversely to the fiber cords 2 and which are composed with fibers 30, also take up thermoplastic particles 40, however to a lesser extent, since the cords 3 are not spread." Thus, based upon the fact that it states that the cords 3, made up of fibers 30, take up thermoplastic particles to a lesser extent than fiber cords 2, is clear that the specification is enabled for the fibers of the first array being impregnated with more thermoplastic particles than the fibers of the second array.

Additionally, paragraph 16 at lines 2-5 states "the greater the diameter of the fibers 30 are, the lesser is the impregnation of the cords 3 for the same method parameters (concentration and size of the thermoplastic particles; number of the deflection bolts 5)." Thus, once again, the specification talks about the lesser amounts of impregnation of thermoplastic particles for the fibers 30 of the second array.

Thus, since both paragraphs 14 and 16 indicate that the fibers 30 of the second array are impregnated to a lesser extent with thermoplastic particles 40, then it is respectfully submitted that it must be true that the specification is enabled for the fibers of the first array being impregnated with more thermoplastic particles than the fibers of the second array.

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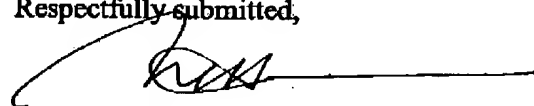
Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claims 11-22 fully comply with 35 USC §112, first paragraph, and do comply with the enablement requirement. It is respectfully submitted that the specification is fully enabled for one skilled in the art. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance and an action to that end is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

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